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NEW MOBILE DISTRICT OFFICE



Earlier this fall, my staff and I moved into our new office in the RSA Battle House Tower. We are so pleased to be a part of revitalized downtown Mobile.

Our new address is 11 North Water Street, Suite 15290, Mobile, Alabama, 36602. Our phone numbers, (800) 288-8721 and (251) 690-2811, remain the same, but our new fax number is (251) 690-2815.

We will continue to provide the level of constituent service you have come to expect, and we look forward to seeing you in our new office.

KAZAKH AMBASSADOR VISITS MOBILE

Last month, the ambassador of Kazakhstan, Erlan A. Idrissov, traveled to Mobile to personally express his gratitude to the students, teachers, and parents at Dodge Elementary School for donating \$2,400 to the Semipalatinsk Oncology Center in Kazakhstan.



Ambassador Erlan Idrissov traveled to Mobile in November to thank the students, parents, and teachers at Dodge Elementary School. The ambassador presented Dr. Suzanne Crist, Dodge Elementary School principal, and Janet Leffard, teacher and Coins for Cancer coordinator, with books about Kazakhstan for the school's library.

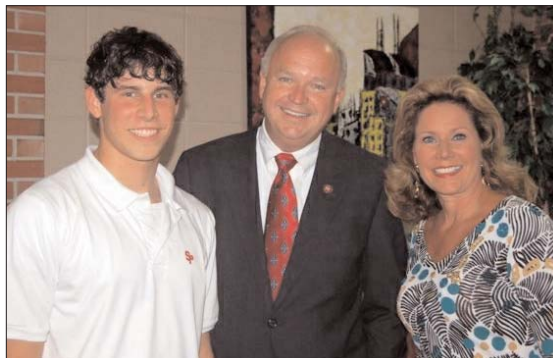
In an effort

the students named "Coins for Cancer," students collected coins — their snack money, parents sent in contributions, and a school-wide art contest was held with a \$1 entry fee — all to help provide medical assistance to the people now suffering from radiation-related diseases from the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site.

I accompanied the ambassador on his visit to Dodge Elementary. Dr. Harold Dodge, Mobile County

Schools superintendent; Dr. Suzanne Crist, Dodge Elementary School principal; Janet Leffard, teacher and Coins for Cancer coordinator, as well as all of the teachers, parents and students provided such a warm welcome for the ambassador.

Through these schoolchildren, we have formed the beginning of what will hopefully be a lasting friendship between southwest Alabama and the country of Kazakhstan.



I was honored to host Academy Night earlier this fall at St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile. Representatives from each of the five United States Service Academies were on hand to discuss their respective institutions with prospective students. Pictured with me are Carson Hale, an 11th grader at St. Paul's, and his mother, Cathy Hale.

ThyssenKrupp Breaks Ground on New Steel Plant



I was pleased to join (l to r) Senator Richard Shelby; Senator Jeff Sessions; Dr. Ekkehard Schulz, chairman of ThyssenKrupp; Governor Bob Riley; and Dr. Karl-Ulrich Koehler, chairman of ThyssenKrupp's steel division, at the official groundbreaking ceremony for ThyssenKrupp's new steel plant.

Photo credit: Mary Hattler, Press-Register

It's an exciting time to live in south Alabama. In November, ThyssenKrupp officially broke ground at the site of its new state of the art steel manufacturing and processing facility in Calvert, Alabama.

This new plant is one of the largest private industrial development projects in the United States with ThyssenKrupp and the people of Alabama investing \$3.7 billion in this new facility.

During construction, the facility will create upwards of 29,000 jobs and is expected to create an additional 38,000 to 52,000 indirect jobs over the next 20 years.

As I have said before, no one deserves more credit for making this project a reality than Governor Bob Riley and Neal Wade in the Alabama Development Office.

Once again, they have spearheaded a superbly coordinated and executed effort with our entire congressional delegation, our state legislature, the Chamber of Commerce and the many business leaders they represent, and all of our local elected officials throughout southwest Alabama who have been so involved in this announcement.

Tyler Mazey of Mobile served in my Washington office as an intern this fall. He recently went to work for the people of Alabama's 6th Congressional District, joining the staff of Congressman Spencer Bachus. Tyler was an outstanding intern, and he will certainly be missed.



MEDICARE PART D OPEN SEASON

For two years, senior Americans have been enjoying the benefits of the permanent Medicare prescription drug benefit helping them meet the cost of their medication.

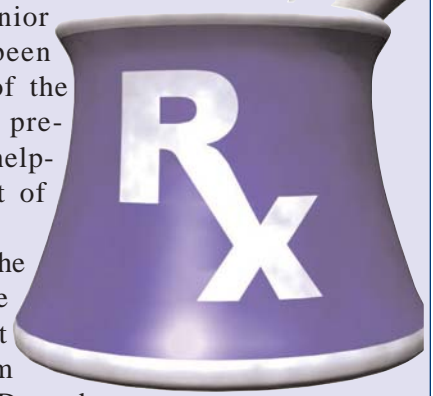
We are currently in the midst of the Medicare annual Open Enrollment Period, which lasts from November 15, 2007, until December 31, 2007. During this time, Medicare beneficiaries can change or add coverage to their current Medicare health and prescription drug plans.

Even though the deadline is December 31, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) officials encourage those who plan to make changes or join to do so as early as possible to avoid any delay in accessing their coverage in January.

There are several resources containing information about the different plans or instructions on how to sign up:

- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and talk to a Medicare representative, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- The Medicare & You handbook, along with other helpful information is available online at www.medicare.gov.

I hope all of America's seniors, who haven't already, will take the time to study which plan might be best for you, so that in the New Year, you are receiving needed prescription drugs and, in turn, saving money.



From the mailbox...

Dear Congressman Jo Bonner,

We finally received a check from Medicare, and it appears our billing issue has now been resolved. I sincerely appreciate your help in this matter. I am fully convinced that this matter would not have been resolved in a timely manner if you had not assisted me. Furthermore, your staff member was invaluable in getting this matter resolved. She was persistent and kept us informed every step of the way.

Again, I appreciate your dedication and willingness to assist me.

*Yours truly,
A satisfied constituent
Fairhope, Alabama*

